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EXCERPTS FROM JOINT STANCIB-STANCICC MEETING OF 15 FEBRUARY 1946

REALLOCATION OF CRYPTOANALYTIC WORK (Item 3):

Making reference to the memorandum and attached organization chart concerning coordination of the Army and Navy communication intelligence activities (see Inclosure A), which had been prepared on the basis of an Op-20-G proposal as amended to include the comments of ASA, General Corderman outlined their background. He recommended that they be accepted by STANCIB. Admiral Stone noted that the technical operations of Op-20-G and ASA may be divided into three categories, i.e., (1) work on purely

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considered a joint project and will come under the direction of the proposed Coordinator. He recommended that the basic proposal be accepted in principle by STANCIB and that General Corderman and Captain Wenger be directed to prepare the necessary details for its implementation and to make specific recommendations regarding the selection of a Coordinator. Their recommendations should then be presented to the Board for approval.

General Vandenberg indicated his feeling that, inasmuch as the Army has been conducting wartime activity [redacted]

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[redacted] the first Coordinator should be selected from the Army. Admiral Inglis stated his preference that the Coordinator be made directly responsible to STANCIB rather than to STANCICC as indicated on the chart. General Corderman noted that, in preparing the proposal, STANCIB and STANCICC had been considered as two elements of one governing body. As regards General Clarke's suggestion that the Coordinator and his staff might replace STANCICC, Admiral Stone indicated that, although the Coordinator should receive direction from STANCIB, it will be advisable to retain STANCICC as an advisory and coordinating body. Captain Wenger recommended that STANCICC be retained as presently constituted until the proposed plan has been in operation long enough to indicate whether a need for STANCICC will continue to exist. General Vandenberg indicated his agreement with this proposition and suggested that STANCICC be retained and be considered as the subordinate element of a governing body to include both STANCIB and STANCICC. Admiral Inglis further suggested that the position of the Coordinator be changed to place him in direct authority over the working subcommittees of STANCICC. As such he might serve as permanent chairman of STANCICC and its subcommittees in order that they may continue to serve in an advisory capacity to the Coordinating Committee. They will serve a similar function for the Coordinator. General Vandenberg suggested that, in view of the above discussion, the proposed relationship between STANCICC, its subcommittees, and the

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Coordinator be left unchanged, but that the chart be redrafted to indicate that the Coordinator will be directly responsible to the Board. This could be accomplished by (1) placing STANCIB and STANCICC in the same box, or (2) adding a line of direct authority between STANCIB and the Coordinator. It was agreed that the latter should be effected. On the basis of this change, General Vandenberg recommended that the Board approve the proposal in principle and direct STANCICC to work out the implementing details. Admiral Stone emphasized the immediate need for reallocation of joint problems. Both he and Admiral Inglis indicated their acceptance of the proposal with the understanding that it may be subject to future change.

General Corderman pointed out that, prior to further consideration of details, STANCIB should indicate the extent to which the Coordinator will be authorized to act as a "director" in behalf of the Board. He felt that the proposed plan will operate satisfactorily if the Coordinator is free to take prompt and decisive action. Admiral Inglis noted that the Coordinator must be subject to the direction of STANCIB in all matters. Admiral Stone pointed out that the authority of the Coordinator will be limited to joint problems. It was the feeling of General Vandenberg that, if all the participating agencies are in agreement as to the function and purpose of the plan, specific delineation of the extent of the Coordinator's authority is not of primary importance.

As regards the appointment of a Coordinator, Admiral Inglis raised the question whether it would be advisable to select the head of one of the participating agencies. It was his feeling that it would be unwise to expect the Coordinator to perform these responsibilities in addition to his regular duties. The Coordinator should be entirely free of bias and should have sufficient time to devote to the job. General Corderman noted that there are a limited number of candidates with sufficient experience for the assignment. Inasmuch as the Coordinator will require a considerable staff, he stated that the use of staff personnel already available at Op-20-G and ASA will obviate the necessity of establishing a duplicate staff. This will be possible if the Coordinator is selected from either of these agencies. Captain Wenger pointed out that the proposal provides for the assignment of Army and Navy personnel to each of the staff functions in such manner as to avoid bias. General Vandenberg noted that the Coordinator will require a deputy who should be appointed from the other service. All present were in agreement with Colonel Hayes that the position of deputy will be a full time job. In view of these considerations Admiral Inglis indicated his acceptance of the proposals regarding the selection of a Coordinator and his staff. General Vandenberg reemphasized the fact that implementation of these plans will be successful to the extent that all concerned accept the principle of mutual cooperation.

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Noting that the present plan provides for coordination in the technical field only, Captain Smedberg stated that this action represents the first in a series of three steps which will be necessary to establish complete coordination in the entire field of communication intelligence. It will be necessary to extend this plan to provide for (1) coordination of the production and dissemination [redacted] and (2) coordinated direction of working priorities. Inasmuch as the establishment of procedures to increase coordination in the intelligence field will be gradual and may entail the exchange of personnel, Admiral Stone indicated that, as planned at present, the Coordinator will be responsible for technical operations to the point of making translations available to the intelligence activities. He emphasized that, in accordance with the spirit of the Eisenhower-Nimitz correspondence, there must be complete cooperation in the development of this program.

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Captain Wenger inquired as to what steps will be taken by the Board to advise General Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz of these plans. Admiral Inglis pointed out that any report made to the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Naval Operations should indicate that further coordination of intelligence functions is planned. It was agreed by all present that STANGIB should forward one report signed by its senior members from the State Department, the Army and the Navy.